

In the Claims:

This claim listing will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims:

1. (Previously presented) An isolated or recombinant nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide sequence that is 95% or more identical to SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that is an apoptosis inhibitor.

2.-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented). The isolated or recombinant nucleic acid of claim 1, that is 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:1.

5. (Previously presented) The isolated or recombinant nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the sequence is less than 50 kB.

6. (Previously presented) The isolated or recombinant nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the sequence is less than 25 kB.

7. (Previously presented) The isolated or recombinant nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the sequence is less than 10 kB.

8. (Previously presented) The isolated or recombinant nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the sequence is less than 5 kB.